



SATURDAY, DEC. 20, 1902.

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**The Governor Made A Party:**  
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A PECULIAR SITUATION.

[Dispatch, Dec., 14, 1902.]

Suit was entered yesterday afternoon in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia against Governor Montague, all the members of the Constitutional Convention who voted for the proclamation of the constitution as the organic law of the State, who live in the Eastern District and against six others: the latter being connected with the registration in Jackson Ward under the new Constitution.

The plaintiff is Edgar Poe Lee (colored) and he is represented by James Hayes, of Richmond, and J. C. Carter, of Halifax, both Negroes. John S. Wise is also counsel for the plaintiff.

The defendants in the case are John S. Barbour, Joseph L. Barham, Thomas H. Barnes, Hill Carter, William L. Cobb, William F. Dunaway, Albert Fletcher, G. Taylor Garnett, James W. Gordon, L. A. Hardy, Goodrich Hutton, John H. Ingram, Claggett B. Jones, Gilmer Kendall, John W. Lawson, Richard McIlwaine, Charles Y. Meredith, John Garland Pollard, Jonathan B. Richmond, George P. Tarry, James B. T. Thornton, Robert Turnbull, C. Harding Walker, J. M. Willis, Jonathan Woodhouse and Andrew J. Montague, and the registration officers, James H. Bradley, John A. Haley, John McEaney, Charles F. Nichols, Pius Keller, and Alfred Otto.

THE CHIEF ALLEGATION.

The chief allegation is "that defendants did unlawfully combine and conspire, together with sundry other persons who are not made parties to this action, because they are not residents of this district, to subject or cause to be subjected, the plaintiffs, citizens of the United States and Virginia and lawful voters of Virginia, to deprive them of their rights to vote and by means of the combination and conspiracy aforesaid and in the manner hereinafter described did, under color certain alleged ordinances, constitution and schedules of the so-called convention of Virginia and the proclamation of defendant Andrew J. Montague, of Virginia, did subject or cause to be subjected the plaintiffs to the deprivation of their right to vote at said election and to the deprivation of their rights, privileges and immunities secured to them as citizens of the United States and lawful voters in the State of Virginia by the constitution and laws."

The complaint further recites the failure of the defendant, members of the convention to take the oath prescribed by law, and says: "Said convention did not become, and never was, a lawful body, and all its proceedings were null, void and of no effect."

"DESIGN OF CONSPIRATORS."

Another clause says "that the design of the said conspirators both in the framing of said constitution and in the enactment of said registration ordinance was, contrary to law, to deprive these plaintiffs of their rights, privileges and immunities secured by the constitution and laws of the United States and the lawful constitution of Virginia then in force." The refusal of the convention to submit the constitution to popular vote and next recited.

One paragraph is devoted especially to Governor Montague. It says "that the said Andrew J. Montague, well knowing that said constitution, schedules and ordinance were invalid, unlawful and in violation of his oath of office and of the rights of the plaintiff and of others, lawful citizens of the United States and citizens and voters of Virginia, did then and there become a party to said conspiracy and did make said proclamation and call upon the people of Virginia to obey and respect said constitution, schedules and ordinances as the organic law of the State; whereby said Andrew J. Montague became a party to said conspiracy and is liable and responsible for all damage sustained by plaintiffs."

The amount of damage asked is \$5,000 and judgment is demanded against the defendants, collectively and severally for that sum, with costs.

SUIT IN NORFOLK.

A similar suit was entered in Norfolk yesterday. This suit is brought in the name of Antony S. Pinner, a colored letter-carrier.

The complaint of Pinner, besides the foregoing allegations, includes separate and specific allegations to the effect that under the new registration law, 161 colored men were registered in Huntersville precinct; that after the registration the registrars made a new list and cut off 81 colored men, including school teachers, doctors, preachers, business men and tax-payers. It is alleged that some of the persons so cut off are among the most intelligent and best educated people in Norfolk one of them being a distinguished colored preacher.

STILL ANOTHER TO COME.

A like suit, it is said, will be entered in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Western District against nineteen other members of the constitutional convention who reside in the Western District.

The defendants in this case will be: Rufus A. Ayers, William H. Boaz, Allen Caperton, John Thompson Brown, Preston W. Campbell, David Q. Eggleson, Basil T. Gordon, Berryman Green, George W. Jones, James H. Lindsay, E. H. Lovell, James Mundy, James W. Orr, Richard S. Parks, Julian M. Quarles, Joseph Stebbins, A. C. Walter, Eugene Withers, W. T. Yancy, and John Goodie.

## ROLL OF HONOR.

## VALLEY SCHOOL.

Week Ending, Dec., 12, 1902.

Fourth Grammar—Elizabeth Mitchell, Florence Phillips.

Third Grammar—Joseph Brockenbrough, Isaac Minor, William Wood.

Second Grammar—Ethel Jones.

First Grammar—Leroy Brown, Jos. Anderson, Otis Johnson, Gertrude Harris, Rosa B. Weatherless, Rosa Moody, Hattie Covington.

Seventh Primary—Annie Holland, Emmett Coleman, Vivian Kemp, Bertha Crump, Annie Freeman, Lily Jones, Earnest Edwards, Robert Brown, Ella White, Beulah Thomas.

Sixth Primary—George Murry, Mary Francis, Rosa Perkins, Florence White, Lillian West.

Fifth Primary, No. 34.—Jas. Pernell, Fannie Braxton, Eva Thomas, Mary Woodson, Gertrude Walbarrow, Bessie Wells, Zipporah Yearman.

Fourth Primary, No. 35.—Mabel Grammar, Charles Davis, Osborn Mason, Blanche Eddleton, Millie Washington, Virginia Brown.

Third Primary, No. 37.—Ida Hargrave, Bessie Jenkins, Amanda Rahn, Doris Young, Oscar Allen, Asa Lipscomb.

Third Primary, No. 38.—Maria Brooks, Gertrude Elliott, Charles Walbarrow, Milton Dabney, Emma Moody, John Ellett, Joseph Jones, Geo. Moody, Ethel Shelton.

Second Primary, No. 39.—Charles Hunt, Irvin Guy, Eli Anderson, John Moody, Wm. Anderson, Moses Brown, Joseph Brown, Harrison Byrd, Oscar Brown, Joseph Dixon, Cabell Hill, Percy Moody, Alex. Watt, Willie Lee, Burrell, Edie Caskie, Sadie Dancy, Lettie Keiley, Julia Moore, Alma Minion, Cora Overton, Malinda Payne, Cora Smith, Katie Thomas, Cora Whitaker, Annie White, Hattie White.

Second Primary, No. 41.—John Hargrave, Charles Shields, Dean Taylor, Chastain Williams, Eddie Watkins, Elizabeth Graves, Adele Jones, Mabel Kelly, Maria Nash, Sallie Watkins.

First Primary, No. 42.—Alex. Dandridge, Harry Ellis, Osceola Jennings, Shirley Kenny, Sherman Kenny, Jackson Morris, Charles Mann, Willie Robinson, Joseph Scott, Sarah Allen, Bessie Bell, Cora Crump, Marie Jackson, Ruth Woodson.

First Primary, No. 40.—Wm. Gregory, Leon Addington, Major Brown, Leon Cooke, Elsie Kidd, Daniel Lewis, Elsie Munford, Robert Montgomery, Noah Thompson, Lonnie Williams, Celestine Booker, Amanda Burrell, Alberta Coleman, Mamie Harris, Gladys Hill, Mary Kinney, Rebecca Mankin, Laura Muse, Lucy Overton, Lucy Scott, Blanche Smith.

The Southern Loan and Endowment Association of America, placed in the hands of receivers by Judge Daniel Grinnan in The Chancery Court of Richmond, Va., Wednesday.

The above Association was placed in the hands of David Meade White and J. Kent Railway receivers Wednesday by Judge Grinnan on the application of Mollie Keiths Administratrix and others who sue on their own behalf and all other stockholders of the said Association, through R. W. Ivey their counsel.

An injunction was also granted restraining the Association, its officers from interfering with the assets of the same. This company did a loan and insurance business on the sick benefit death and endowment basis, and some time in 1899 went out of business, and claimed it was broke, they had thousands of policies and stockholders among the colored and white people of Richmond and vicinity. It was capitalized at \$400,000.00, and A. M. POLLARD was its President and J. F. BIGGS, Sup't of Endowment Department, and H. E. STURDICK, Secretary.

## Charlottesville.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Dec., 16, 1902.

Now that the interest in the testing of the new constitution have been laid aside for awhile, the pastors of the city have decided to discuss a theological debate. Revs. A. B. Coleman and J. H. Prestley in the affirmative, and R. B. Hardy and R. O. Quarles in the negative, discussed the subject as to whether the Devil was once in Heaven, and being no judges the debaters decided to leave the decision with the audience, but it was clearly seen after such hard contest from both sides that they were afraid to let the audience vote their decision but dismissed them to retire to the lecture room of the church where many refreshing things were awaiting them.

At the Shiloh Church of which Rev. J. Chas. is pastor have been celebrating their anniversary with much interest under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown.

Sunday was a happy day at the Ebenezer Baptist Church. The pastor Rev. A. B. Coleman served the Lord's Supper to a spiritual gathering in the P. M., and at the evening service Rev. William Barber preached a very instructive sermon.

The Piedmont Industrial School of which Prof. Terrell is president is making a reputation for itself.

The friends of Mrs. Fannie Logan are glad that she is able to return home after undergoing an operation at the University Hospital.

Mrs. J. T. Scott and children are visiting their relatives for the winter.

The Planet can be gotten at 305 W. Main St.

Mrs. Kathleen Dalton has returned back to Charlottesville from Sparrows Point, Md., to spend the winter with her mother-in-law Mrs. Jeannette Dalton. W. S.

## EXIT, VA.

Rev. Thomas Hill of Norfolk, Va., who has been preaching at Little Bethel Baptist Church at Chuckatuck, has won for himself no small degree of honor, he was called to take pastoral charge there about five years ago, since that time he has built one of the finest country churches in tide water and has absolutely cancelled the debt. On last Sunday he preached his annual sermon at the above named church. He chose for his text, Joseph, 20th, chapter 1st, and 2nd, verses, subject, "The cities of refuge." It was beautifully handled and it caused rejoicing and tears came in eyes of every body. Rev. Hill is one

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Miss D. L. Lake, Miss Etta Rodgers, and others are planning for a box supper for Little Mount Zion Baptist S. S., on the second night of the Christmas. A grand time is promised.

The little two year old boy of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edwards who was so badly scalded a few weeks ago, was buried last Saturday in the Rodgers' Cemetery. J. W. LAWRENCE.

## Y. M. C. A. Notes.

All who attended the explanation on Sunday School Lesson last Saturday were very much benefited. Come again.

The meetings in the city jail and alms house were very impressive and much good was accomplished. 125 requested special prayer.

The boys enjoyed the address which was delivered to them last Sunday, committeeman, J. H. Rhorer, it was extremely helpful in every way.

Assistant State Secretary Mr. W. R. Walker delivered a very pathetic address to the men last Sunday. Subject: "God's Claim." The influence of a mother was thoroughly emphasized. Every man was touched.

The music by the quartette led by Mr. Walter Jones added much to the meeting. These young men deserve much credit. We hope to hear them again soon.

Do not fail to hear Prof. G. B. Hovey Saturday 5 P. M., at our rooms on the

explanation on the Sunday School Lesson. Come and bring a friend.

Be on time boys Sunday 4 p. m. at our rooms. Mr. J. H. Rhorer will have charge. Do not fail to meet him.

Let every man and woman go to the True Reformers' Hall Sunday 3:30 p. m. to hear the lecture by Mr. Roger J. Kyles, Subject: "Get off and Get on." Richmond should manifest the same interest as other places have done. Come out and show that you want to encourage your young men. Madame T. W. Taylor will read a special selection. Music by a quartette. Mr. W. D. Jones will lead. Solos by Messrs. Jackson and Smith. Mrs. S. Alice Kemp Burrell will sing "Where is my Wandering Boy Tonight." Come early and get a good seat. Free for women and men.

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